

# Indiana Conference Of Teamsters Establishes Statistical Bureau

The Indiana Conference of Teamsters has voted to set up a Statistical Bureau, which will obtain and catalogue information respecting the employment of every Teamster belonging to an Indiana union of Teamsters.

The bureau will assemble a comprehensive picture of trucking in every locality of Indiana and its bordering states.

It is being established in the office of Robert D. Malarney, well known labor attorney and

counsellor to many AFL unions of Indiana.

Mr. Malarney is senior member of the firm of Malarney and McCann and has offices in the K. of P. building, Indianapolis.

Vote of the Indiana Conference to establish the bureau was taken after a floor discussion, March 18, in which it was pointed out that failure to have full data on conditions elsewhere constantly puts the business representative of a local union on the spot between

his membership and the people by whom they are employed.

The membership demands certain things and the employer always has "facts and figures" to prove his inability to comply. The facts and figures have been supplied to him by the chamber of commerce, whose efficiency is directed to keeping poor people poor. And these facts and figures are impres-

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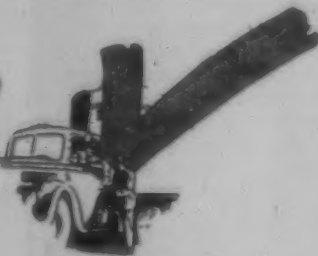
# 4 INDIANA JOINT COUNCILS OF TEAMSTERS TO CHECK ALL OVER-ROAD TRUCKS APRIL 1-15

## State Drivers Urge Election of Hess to SFL

Re-election of Pat Hess as second vice-president of the Indiana State Federation of Labor was urged by the Indiana Conference of Teamsters at that organization's regular monthly meeting, held March 18 in Hotel Lincoln, Indianapolis.

Hess has served in that

Please  
Cooperate!



## OVER-THE-ROAD CHECKING CAMPAIGN

APRIL 1 TO 15

A checking campaign on all Over-the-Road truck drivers has been scheduled for April 1-15. All Teamster local unions and joint councils are participating. The cooperation of all other AFL unions is asked.



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## Truck Companies Invited to Aid In Nation-wide Campaign of IBT

Four Joint Councils, representing the entire membership of Teamsters in Indiana, from East Chicago to Evansville, have completed details of a plan to check drivers on every over-the-road freight truck in the state, April 1 to 15.

The campaign has been set up in compliance with a directive issued recently in Chicago by the National Over-the-Road conference, calling for checking of drivers on every over-the-road freight truck in the United States, Canada, Alaska and Hawaii.

An important preliminary step was a telegram sent out by International President Tobin, calling for a survey of the situation by international organizers. At the same time Executive Vice-President Beck called upon all Joint Councils and Local Unions which have over-the-road drivers in their membership to hold meetings and make definite plans for the 15-day checking period.

Joint Council meetings held in Indiana include several called by G. B. Chambers, president of the "Big 69," in Indianapolis and embracing 13 locals of central Indiana. These unions are Nos. 369, Muncie; 691, Richmond; 135, 193, 188, 233 and 716 Indianapolis; 906 and 694 Columbus; 144, Terre Haute; 73, Clinton; 543, Lafayette, and 759, Kokomo.

The other Joint Councils are:

No. 11, including Locals 363, Hammond; 142, East Chicago-Gary, and 835, Lake County.

No. 75, including Locals 364, South Bend; 141, South Bend; 298, Michigan City-LaPorte, and 414, Ft. Wayne.

No. 76, including Locals 215, Evansville; 11, Evansville; 582, Evansville; 417, Vincennes, and 644, Princeton.

As a preliminary to this check-

ing campaign, notice has been served upon trucking employers generally that they can avoid delays in their equipment during the 15-day drive if they live up to their contracts with the Teamsters and see to it that all of their drivers and helpers are in good standing with their various local unions. Failure on the part of the employers to fulfill this part of their agreements may jeopardize the employment of some drivers who are found not to be in good standing.

STARTS ON APRIL 2

Starting promptly on the morning of April 2, the Teamster checkers will move in teams of two to the various strategic places (Continued on Page 4)

## Columbia Honors 9 Safe Drivers

Safety awards have been given to nine members of Teamster Local 193 by the Columbia Transportation, Inc., contract carrier for Sears, Roebuck. The awards, covering accident-free driving from one to nine years, went to the following men:

Omer McGuire, 9 years.  
Robert Terry, 7 years.  
F. K. Allen, 2 years.  
Harold Lewis, Arthur Moore, John Vest, Sherman Crosley, Merle Thomas and Elmer Ross, 1 year.

## Four Out of Six Terre Haute (144) Drivers Cited

TERRE HAUTE—At a recent presentation at the Terre Haute terminal of Commercial Motor Express, John Brennan, secretary, and Jim Maloney, local terminal manager, presented the following members of Local 144 with safety awards:

Robert Snyder—Six years no accident, received Gray Jacket and Six-Year Pin.

Charles Barnes—Four years no accident, received Brown Jacket and Four-Year Pin.

Wendell Fields—One year no accident, received Zippo cigarette lighter, engraved, and One-Year Pin.

William Schlichter—One year no accident, received Zippo cigarette lighter, engraved, and One-Year Pin.

Harold Burt and Charles Rankin were disqualified by non-chargeable accidents.

"We feel this is a very outstanding record for four men out of six to receive awards," said union officers.

We obtain union wages collectively but don't forget we maintain them by buying individually. Demand the Union Label, Shop Card or Union Button!

## Hancock Lines Seek Aid From Drivers' Wives

For 14 years Hancock Truck Lines has constantly stressed safety to its drivers—on the job and at safety meetings and banquets. Recently, the management of the organization conceived the idea of bringing home influence directly into the campaign.

The result was a meeting at the Hotel Antlers, Indianapolis, on Sunday, February 21, at which more than 100 Teamsters and their wives sat in on a safety session together.

During the session, frank discussion was given to the driver's responsibilities on the highway and the important part his home life plays in his attitude while he is at the wheel.

"The little woman," it was pointed out, "can be a regular assistant safety supervisor" in contributing to her husband's safety mindedness; the way she prepares his meals and manages the home in general can contribute much to his driving career.

"Judging from the intense interest displayed by the wives and from remarks made immediately following the meeting, Hancock has hit upon a very effective innovation for further advancing its safety work."

## Wilkes Signs Cab Drivers In LaPorte County

MICHIGAN CITY—The Teamsters organization drive, part of a national campaign, is underway in Michigan City and LaPorte, according to E. C. (Pete) Wilkes, business representative for Teamsters Local 298.

"Taxicab drivers have been signed up 100 per cent," declared Wilkes. "Negotiations will begin soon with Pat Flannigan, owner of the Checker and Yellow cabs."

Wilkes said he has filed charges of unfair labor practice against Wilson's Sales & Service, Inc., 127 West Michigan St., because of the discharge of an employee, Arthur Raska, mechanic.

The charge has been filed by the Teamsters' attorney at Indianapolis, Wilkes said, and will be transferred to Chicago. Reinstatement and back pay will be sought.

According to Wilkes, he had the Wilson garage signed up 100 per cent, and at first Bill Wilson, owner, seemed agreeable. A few days later, Wilkes said, Wilson threatened to fire everyone, and finally discharged Raska. Wilkes said Raska was fired because of union activities.



capacity since 1945, having been elected successively to two two-year terms.

In addition to the unanimous support of Teamsters, he has the backing of other AFL unions in Indiana, including some of the state's most powerful labor organizations.

Hess and other officers of the State Federation are named on nominating ballots now in the hands of all affiliated unions. These ballots are to be returned to headquarters of the State Federation, in the Peoples State Bank Building, Indianapolis, not later than April 18. The ballots will be counted by three tellers on April 19. All candidates having 25 or more nominations are by statute nominated. Those candidates

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## News From 369

Our deepest sympathy goes to the families of Brothers Roy Covey and William Gardner.

Brother Covey died Thursday, February 17, of a heart attack. He was employed by the Hayes Freight Lines of Marion and had been a member of this local since 1942. He is survived by the widow, Lucy B., three daughters, two sons and 12 grandchildren.

Brother William Gardner also died of a heart attack Saturday, February 19. Brother Gardner was employed by the Daum Over-Nite Express of Muncie and had been a member of this local since 1936. He is survived by the widow, Mary Alice, three sisters and five brothers. Brother Gardner was a native of Marion and moved to Muncie in the last year.

The F. & W. Sunoco Service Station, located at Madison and Washington Sts. in Muncie, has just been organized 100 per cent. Let's patronize this service station, boys! The F. & W. also has a tune-up service by one of the best Mechanics in Muncie. Archie Wentz and Charles Fehrenbach, proprietors, will appreciate your patronage.

## Carlhom Reports Bear Facts of a Romance Sold for Gold

By SWEDE CARLBOM

On a recent trip to the town of Umpqua, Oregon, where I delivered a shipment at a hidden Dude Ranch in among the mountains, I drove over an old plank road into a log road and there on a rickety bridge around the bend I saw a very young bear leaning against the bridge railing.

I pulled at the side and walked back. The color of his fur coat was very reddish, more so than any other bear I have seen. I greeted him and asked his name.

He said they call him Red Rugsy and added he was only two years old, come this Monday. He asked me for some chocolate bars of which I did not have any but told him I had a few doughnuts in a sack. He looked at me with a question in his small, lively eyes and then asked: "Them's with a hole in em, eh?" I nodded and got the bag out from the locker and handed it to him.

He fished out a doughnut, bit in it and with some dismay threw the bag with contents into the creek. He walked off with a contemptuous look in his eyes.

I called him back and asked him if he knew of a bear called Raggedy Bags. He said the old guy was up the creek catching him some fish because it was Friday. I thanked and bid Red Rugsy good-bye scampered down the bank and took off up the creek.

A good piece up the stream I found old Raggedy Bags sitting on a large rock, eating on a rainbow trout. He was very glad to see me, bid me to sit down beside him and offered me the tail-piece of the trout, saying it was the sweetest.

After some conversation about this and that he pulled out a roll of dough and paid me the five I lent him at Klamath Falls last summer. I asked him how come he was so flush with money and he said he sold his old lady to a visiting rancher from down San Diego way for a hundred bucks.

I never knew the name of his old lady and asked him about it. He said they called her Lump Sugar Suzie because she would do anything in the world for a few pieces of lump sugar or in a pinch—just one. He said he was very fond of her but wasn't able to keep her in lump sugar.

Many times, he said, he risked his neck for a lump or two. And Suzie just took it for granted he should risk his neck for a lady of her type. He said the females are like that. Very peculiar. So when the rancher from Southern California made the remark that from now on he would be Suzie's lump sugar daddy, Raggedy Bags said he saw an insatiable gleam in Suzie's eyes.

He said he knew he could not keep her so he turned her over to the rancher and took the hundred bucks. He looked at his roll of dough and sighed very deeply. For a while we sat, very quietly, on the rock together, just looking at the crystal-clear water skimming over the green, mossy rocks. When Raggedy Bags finally turned toward me I thought I noticed a teary shimmer in his eyes. I knew then he loved Suzie very much and missed her greatly.

After a while he asked me if he ever told me about Patsy Shaggy Belt who lived up the creek in Craggs Hollow. I said I never heard of her.

"Well," said Raggedy Bags, "her old man got himself killed last fall on a trip to the tall timbers. He went molasses hunting at a trapper's cabin and came back with two barrels of buckshot in him and no molasses. He couldn't take it. So that same night he went to Bear Heaven, a place the Good Lord set aside for us bears only, a place full of honey and lump sugar and sleek-looking Suzies. Shortly after, Patsy herself got into a fight with the game warden's mastiff and lost her hide and one ear. She isn't as hot looking as Suzie, but after all, Swede, at times one has no choice."

Again he became very quiet and moody-like and just sat looking into the flowing water beneath his feet. After a bit he spoke again and said: "There's one consolation, Swede, I don't have to risk my neck hunting for lump sugar to keep Patsy. She'll be more than satisfied with a couple paw's full of raspberries and the woods are full of them most of the time. So I am sure my troubles are over."

He then slid off the rock and bid me good-bye, asking me to come up and see him and Patsy before they turn in for the winter. He sloshed up the stream to the bank where he turned and faced me with a rather mournful look in his eyes, saying: "Tell me, Swede old pal, how far is that San Diego town from here?" I told him it was a good thousand miles.

He sighed very heavily and asked: "Can't you make it a bit shorter?" I told him I couldn't and was sorry. For a while he stood there facing the south was a sad, longing look in his eyes. He then turned and took off up the stream.

Poor old Raggedy Bags, like all of us, we miss the ones we dearly love.

## State Drivers Urge Election of Hess to SFL

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having no opposition are automatically elected. Others are elected on a second ballot.

While endorsing the election of Hess, the Drivers Conference voted to leave selection of other officers to the individual locals of Teamsters. Other officers up for re-election include Carl Mullen, president; John Acker, secretary-treasurer, six vice-presidents and three tellers.

Hess, head of the Ft. Wayne Teamsters (Local 414) and for several years president of the Indiana Conference of Teamsters, has a distinguished record in Indiana Labor, which he has served aggressively for 30 years.

Particularly has he been active in the General Assembly, as chairman of the Teamsters' Legislative Committee, and is credited with killing or helping to kill many adverse labor bills which might otherwise have crept into the state laws.

At the same time he has helped promote legislation favorable to labor. An instance is the clause passed by the 1949 General Assembly which provides that a truck driver will not lose his driver's license for hauling an over-weight load where it can be shown that he had no knowledge of the violation.

Joe Williams told the conference that he had attended daily session of the Legislature almost every time I went down there. Pat Hess was standing up to the Senators telling them what was good or bad or unconstitutional in the bills they were considering.

### CONFERENCE THANKS HESS

The Indiana Conference of Teamsters, by unanimous vote accepted a report from its Legislative Committee on the 1949 General Assembly and thanked Pat Hess, chairman, for his good work. The report indicated that the session had adjourned without doing much either to help or hurt Teamsters.

## Teamsters Go for Chicago Store Workers

CHICAGO—A joint organizing committee of three strong AFL unions will seek to unionize 40,000 department store employees on State St. in Chicago's Loop, long an open shop stronghold.

Common headquarters will be set up for the campaign by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the Building Service Employees International and the International Association of Retail Clerks.

The Chicago campaign is part of a national drive by these unions to organize retail and wholesale employees.

In general, the three unions will stick to their normal jurisdictions, adjusting overlaps by submitting their claims to William Green, AFL president, who will act as arbiter.

The teamsters already represent truck drivers operating out of the Chicago stores, but will extend their jurisdiction to warehouse employees and some non-selling employees on the sales floors.

The building service employees union already represents elevator operators and some other workers in the big stores. It will extend its organization to include all window washers, maids, porters and related employees.

The retail clerks will have the biggest job—organizing the clerks, salesmen, cashiers, demonstrators, and white collar employees who, for the most part, have never been represented before by a union.

Unlike the other two unions, the retail clerks' international does not have a contract now with any major State St. department store.

## Thru the Door of 144

Regular meeting at the Teamsters' Office, 125 South Eighth St. the second Thursday in the month at 7:30 P. M.

The Lumber Contracts for Vigo and Clay counties are still negotiations.

Contract at the American Vitrified Products Plant in Brazil open and we have had one negotiation meeting and another set, which time we hope to conclude the contract.

At a recent meeting the inside employees of Borden's and Mod Dairies voted to open their contract for negotiations.

We regret to learn of the death of Brother William Hunt of the Eastern Motor Express. Brother Hunt lost his life in an accident near Fort Wayne on March 14, 1949. Brother Hunt, who had been a member of Local 144 since November 8, 1939, will be missed by all who knew him. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his family.

The regular monthly meeting of Nance Creamery employees in Brazil voted to concur in the petition being circulated in reference to the Brazil Medical Association.

The contract at the Wadley Co. has been concluded, with a 40 hour guarantee and substantial increase for all members.

Ready-Mixed and Material Supply contracts are open and negotiations. Construction drivers will receive a 15-cent-per-hour increase effective April 1, 1949, for all new construction work.

We have just concluded the contract at the National Biscuit Co. with increased wages and working conditions for all drivers and warehousemen.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Harry Grover, an employee of Vigo Milk Marketing Assn. and member of Local Union 144, who passed away recently.

ARE YOU RECEIVING YOUR COPY OF THE INDIANA AND INTERNATIONAL TEAMSTERS? If not, please call the office and give the girls your new address or mail a card to the office, 125 South Eighth St., Terre Haute.

## Up to Date with Local No. 188

President C. E. Davis was ill but nothing could stop him from attending a Teamsters Conference in Chicago. That guy works his end off for our Local.

We are still striking the Banquet Milk Co.—and we believe the company is getting weaker and weaker—we hope.

We have distributed leaflets about the Banquet strike at King's, Mallorys, Link-Belt, Switzer-Cummings, Armour, Malleable. Total number of leaflets so far, 9,000. Big job!

One of our members received a kick in the pants last week for passing a leaflet urging people to stop taking Banquet milk.

What our Local needs is real support from the wives of our members. We make a motion that some of you boys start a 188 Boosters Club among our women. They could really help.

Mrs. Kenneth Loux—Kenny's out at Polk's—gave birth to twins last week.

Arthur Bless a blessed event, a girl; also a girl for the Wm. Robbins.

The employees of the Furnas Ice Cream Co. voted to become members of our Local last Wednesday.

Our office is the best in town, thanks to our good Secretary. He is very efficient and pleasant, too.

Have you noticed that almost all of our members are wearing their buttons now? What happened?

BAD NEWS—Brother Lee Boles of Sawyer Biscuit passed away last Sunday. Condolences to his family. We shall miss Brother Boles.

REMEMBER, A MOTION IS ON THE FLOOR FOR SOME OF OUR BOYS TO START A 188 BOOSTER CLUB AMONG OUR GIRLS!

## Federal Honors 57 Teamsters

Federal Express, Inc., has given cash awards to 57 drivers of its Western division, 36 of them being Hoosiers. Awards were given at a dinner in the Warren Hotel, Indianapolis, for the drivers, who have served one to eight years without a chargeable accident.

Awards were presented by Howard C. Fairweather, district supervisor of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The Federal company has terminals in Muncie, Louisville, Akron, Cleveland, Toledo and Canton, Ohio, and Detroit.

All 57 drivers are members of the Teamsters Brotherhood, those in Indianapolis belonging to Local 135, in Muncie to Local 369.

O. L. Osburn, manager of operation, lists the 36 Indiana Teamsters honored for safe driving, with the number of years they have driven without accident, as follows:

NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS
William Plummer	8	Floyd Ayers	5
Carroll Branch	4	Roy Clark	4
Charles Lawson	4	John Vann	4
Carl Byers	2	Gilbert Bilyeu	4
Valley Bigham	3	David Turner	3
Virgil Mortenbeck	1	Henry Guseking	2
Steven Warford	2	Harry Dickerson	2
Harold Mills	2	William Bartlett	1
Wildering Boling	1	Evert Bunch	1
Louis Cherry	1	Robert Ferrell	1
Melvin Greenwood	1	Charles Hanes	1
William Harrell	1	Charles Hubble	1
Joseph Love	1	Orville McDermid	1
Carl Rhodes, Sr.	1	William Snyder	1
Earl Somers	1	John Spicer	1
George Warren	1	Lorenzo Willis	1
Bernard Johnson	1	Arthur Roberts	1
Charles Roberts	1	John Stafford	1



## Look-See with 233

Ed Cobb, a former member of this Local, passed away. Mr. Cobb worked at the Indiana Terminal Cold Storage for a number of years. The Local extended sympathy.

Remember! General Meeting the first Wednesday of each month, at 28 West North St., at 8 P. M.

Contracts now open are, Wadley Co., Stokely Foods, H. J. Heinz Co., Geo. Hitz & Co. (which also includes the former Jagger Wholesale Grocery), J. C. Perry Co., J. P. Michaels Co., Produce Market, Kingan & Co., Stark, Wetzel & Co., and Swift & Co.

Members of these companies are asked to watch their bulletin boards for Special Meeting notices.

The officers and members of this Local wish to extend their sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Brother Curtis Dooley, who passed away recently. Brother Dooley had been with Kingan & Co. as a driver for 20 years.

Brother Forest Dephus of Standard Division, National Tea Co., is still off sick. Brother Dephus has been off about seven months. Come on Sarge, get well!

## Teamster Landlord Defends Landlords

THE INDIANA TEAMSTER  
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Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sirs:

I am a member of the Teamsters Union—have been an officer of one Local. I wish to take exception to an article in our February issue, "The Poor House Lobby."

I am interested in a small way with a realty organization and I know for fact this is not so.

The real estate companies have the money and are willing to provide plenty of homes if controls are abandoned.

We have closed shops to prevent an overflow of labor to take our jobs. Our unions don't want government control. OPA is a Communist idea and will ruin our country. We do not want it any more than we want some screwball in Washington to run our unions.

"Poor People Belong in Poor Houses" is not the motto of the real estate boards of the country. It may be of some Communist idea to help their cause along.

Rent control defeats its purpose as has been proven time and time again. I am sorry to see such an announcement in the paper I like so well for it is not so.

Respectfully,

WILSON S. PARKS.

## Indiana Teamsters Set Up Bureau of Fact Finding

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sive in negotiations when the union representative is not provided with other facts and figures, on the same subject.

In the floor discussion of the proposed bureau, it was explained that the Executive Board of the Conference had met with H. J. Zolg, president of the conference, and threshed out the details of its operation.

The consensus, as explained by O. B. Chambers, recording secretary of the conference, was somewhat as follows:

"A number of Teamster local unions, during the course of ne-

gotiating new labor contracts, have been confronted with the employers' statements as to what other companies engaged in the same business were paying—always of course to the effect that the wage demands of the local involved were far in excess of what other Teamster locals throughout the state were getting.

Through Trucking Associations, Indiana Association of Manufacturers, Chambers of Commerce and other similar employer groups, these figures are available and are used by the employer in negotiations. Local unions do not have any readily available means of

## Labor Can Win Elections

WASHINGTON—Daniel J. Tobin, president, International Brotherhood of Teamsters says that:

"There were many victories enjoyed by the toilers of the nation in this last campaign, as well as the victory of President Truman.

"The defeat of Senator Ball in Minnesota, for instance, was one of the finest things accomplished by the labor movement.

"Another great victory for labor was the re-election in Montana of Senator James Murray, who was opposed by all the money influences in that state.

"Another great victory for the men and women who toil was the election of Adlai Stevenson in Illinois, defeating Governor Green.

"Also gratifying was the defeat in the same state of Senator Brooks by Paul Douglas, a liberal and a friend of labor.

"If I wanted to, I could go on enumerating the victories everywhere to which our large membership and their friends contributed their money and their work and their votes.

"The working people and their friends can sweep this nation at any time by the ballot. I have seen this happen five times in 20 years."

## Malarney Tells Terre Haute Group of T-H Law Evils

TERRE HAUTE—Delegates to the Vigo County Central Labor Union last week heard a debate on the Taft-Hartley Act by Parke Pender, international representative of the Retail Clerks, and James Adamson, local attorney handling labor relations for a number of Terre Haute firms.

The debate was arranged by the education committee of the CLU under the chairmanship of Esther Arnold, a member of the AFL Teachers Union.

Robert Malarney, Indianapolis labor attorney, assisted Mr. Pender in presenting a case against the slave law.

Mr. Pender pointed to the features of the law considered objectionable by labor and won agreement from Mr. Adamson that certain parts of the law are being used to the detriment of organized labor.

Bert Wheat of Teamsters Local No. 144, who acted as moderator, introduced a number of visitors including State Senators Jack O'Grady and Leonard Conrad and Louis Austin, president of District No. 11, United Mine Workers.

determining what the prevailing wage scale, vacation provisions and holiday provisions in a particular industry may be without contacting each of the other locals in the state.

"State Drivers Councils of other states have established central agencies for the accumulation of wage, vacation and holiday data from each of the member locals and make this information available upon request to every local when the need arises. A similar service could be established in the state of Indiana.

"Such a service would provide member locals with prompt return of requested information as to wage scales, holiday and vacation provisions in existing labor contracts between other locals and employers throughout the state. The information provided would consist of the name of the employer and local involved, the term of the contract, holiday and vacation provisions, and any significant background material as to wage and condition trends and employer strategy in the industry involved.

"The service would enable local unions either before or while in the process of negotiating wage scales and conditions to be as fully informed as management in regard to Teamster wage scales and conditions prevailing elsewhere in the state. This office would act as a centralized source of such information which would be readily available to any member local.

"Each member local would send to this office a copy of each contract to which that local is a party. These contracts would be separated and analyzed by industry, wholesale groceries, coal, etc.

"A card index would be prepared

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## Vincennes Teamster Writes About Vacation in 9 States

By ZENAS BLAGRAVE

(Teamsters Local 417, Vincennes)

On September 30, my wife, father, and I started on a southwestern tour, which took us through nine states, covering 3,100 miles.

Starting through southern Illinois, we stopped at our Cairo terminal (Hayes Freight Lines) which is very neat and well-kept.

From there, we went over the Mississippi bridge and through the flat lands of Missouri, Arkansas and on into Fort Worth, where we visited relatives.

Tarrant County, of which Fort Worth is the county seat, boasts of the largest expenditures for fine highways of any county in the Southwest.

We saw the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital of Fort Worth, located on a 1400-acre site of more than 50 buildings. Their court house was built of Texas limestone and Tennessee marble at a cost of \$1,000,000 and the United States Court of Appeals and other federal offices also reach the \$1,000,000 mark.

We saw the Will Roger's Memorial Auditorium, Memorial Tower, and the Fort Worth Municipal Coliseum, which constitutes a central group of permanent buildings erected in connection with the Fort Worth Frontier Centennial.

Fort Worth is a city in the heart of the fastest growing trade territory in the Southwest. It is the most important meat packing center in this territory, the world's greatest petroleum producing region, and the largest terminal grain market in the South.

We journeyed over the Texas plains, through Austin, the state capital, a very beautiful city, and then on to San Antonio, a city made up of a lot of military brass, having its three airfields and one Army post.

We went through the Buckhorn Museum, filled with relics, all from Texas and Mexico, and including a mounted Texas longhorn steer whose horns covered 9 1/2 feet.

We also visited the Great Sunken Garden, in Breckenridge Park. This is lovely with all its flowers and thousands of goldfish.

Many interesting things are in this city of sunshine, romance and color. Its ancient buildings which lend it charm and beauty are nestled beside modern skyscrapers, schools, churches, and gigantic military achievements.

We went up to Huntsville, Texas, visited the home of General Sam Houston, which he erected in 1847 and called the Wigwam. In the front of this stands an enormous chestnut tree which he himself planted. Sam Houston died on July 26, 1863, ending a very active life. I obtained a picture of him as he appeared in 1856.

From there, we journeyed on to Houston where we found a city that in 1946-47 showed \$80,000,000 invested there, topping New York's figure for that year by \$11,000,000.

This section of the United States is where industry is advancing most rapidly. They are making great highways, building churches costing from \$300,000 to \$400,000, big food markets, and many other buildings.

We continued on to Galveston, drove over the new \$2,000,000 causeway connecting Galveston to the mainland.

From there, we saw the ruins of Texas City, scene of the awful explosion. (A cousin of mine was killed in this catastrophe.) We visited the small cemetery set apart by the company for the unidentified dead.

We visited the San Jacinto battlefield some 20 miles from Houston. On that battlefield is the San Jacinto monument, towering hundreds of feet in height, higher than the George Washington Monument.

From the top of this we looked out over San Jacinto battlefield and the Texas prairies, with an October sun setting in the blue horizon. All of this makes you understand why those Texans fought and died for a country they loved.

Also there, in the shadow of that great monument, we stood that day on the deck of a great fighting ship, a battleship which bears the name of Texas, the state whose independence was secured on those hallowed grounds. In demonstrating the fighting spirit to our enemies in two world wars (neither the Germans at Normandy nor the Japanese at Okinawa will ever forget the weight of the guns nor the courage of the crew of the Texas) it is particularly fitting that her final resting place be adjacent to those historic battlegrounds.

Heading the old De Soto up along the east coast, through the golden Texas rice fields, on into Louisiana, we saw the great Sugar Bowl. We drove through more than a hundred miles of sugar cane and big sugar refineries, on over the Mississippi River at New Orleans, home of the Mardi Gras. New Orleans is famous for its Spanish, French, Italian, British and American architecture and buildings of the early days of America.

From there, we drove up the coast for a hundred miles or more, all along the water's edge, overlooking the ocean with its big sea-going boats, small fishing outfits and all sorts of ocean commerce. The ocean on one side of the drive and winter resorts on the other make a wonderful place to go and relax in the winter months.

After seeing all of the southwestern and southeastern coastal splendor, we turned north at Mobile, Ala., going through the Alabama pecan groves, Montgomery and the industrial city of Birmingham; through scenic Alabama and the Tennessee Mountains.

We drove along the beautiful highways and enjoyed seeing the old Tennessee plantations and homes, and on through the hills of Kentucky.

We entered Indiana from Louisville. We completed our trip up through the hills of southern Indiana, which were covered with all the autumn splendor and color that nature and God could bestow upon them.

Thus we ended a perfect vacation trip of our cities and country. So long until next year.

for each industry. These cards would contain all information as to contract provisions throughout the state, naming the local union and the employer involved.

"From this Master Card, we would maintain a card for each local union having a contract with any company engaged in the particular business or industry. This card would show the terms of the existing contract, the wage scale being paid by classification, holiday provisions and vacation provisions.

"When any local was engaged in negotiations it could get information by return mail as to the wage, holiday and vacation provisions in all other contracts in the same industry throughout the state.

"It is understood that Mr. Malarney has consulted with the systems expert of Remington Rand as to the most efficient method of analyzing and filing of the necessary data for a prompt return of information when requested by any member local."



# FOUR JOINT COUNCILS SET FOR OVER-THE-ROAD SURVEY

## All Drivers to Show Books of Dues Payments

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where drivers can be checked. Each driver will be asked to show his dues book or receipts. If he is found to be paid up through March, a small red-check gummed label will be fastened to his dues book or March receipt. If he is not in good standing, he will be given information on how to get in line with the least possible delay.

The Teamster checkers will keep accurate records on cards to be provided from the International Office in Washington, D. C. These cards later will be returned to the secretaries and used to obtain information and for general survey.

The names of drivers not in good standing will be sent to the various locals where they have membership for each disciplinary action as the by-laws may provide.

### THEN NEXT STEP

It is expected that the data on the cards also will be summarized by areas and be in the hands of the Policy Committee of the Over-the-Road Division when it meets in Washington, D. C., on April 25 to consider the next steps in the organizing campaign, and to confer on problems arising from the recent ICC hearings with respect to the regulation of gypsy owner-operator trucks.

## Local 135 Member Dies at Capital

Walter E. Patrick, 58, a member of Local No. 135, International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Chauffeurs, died last week at his home in Indianapolis. He was a truck driver for the city flood control department. Survivors include the widow, two sons, two stepsons, a stepdaughter, a sister and two brothers.



Here is the Executive Board of Teamsters Joint Council No. 59, representing 13 Local Unions of Central Indiana, who voted to participate in the nation-wide check-up of over-the-road drivers April 1 to 15. The members are, seated (left to right): O. B. Chambers, Kokomo, president of the Joint Council; E. J. Williams, Indianapolis, secretary-treasurer; Bert Wheat, Terre Haute, recording secretary. Standing: Fred Marshall, president of Teamsters Local 135; Edward T. Carlson and Glenn Rabanus (right), trustees, and Leo Bauer, vice-president.

## Oregon Teamsters Vote to Pay \$4.00 Monthly Membership Dues

PORTLAND, Ore.—Effective July 1, the monthly dues of Local 162, General Teamsters, will be \$4.00.

The membership voted almost unanimously to expand the union's dues structure at a special meeting held February 6. The session was one of the most heavily-attended union meetings in recent years and the audience packed the main floor and the galleries of the Labor Temple auditorium.

The \$4.00 per month dues, representing an increase of 50 cents per month, includes the \$1,200 Teamster insurance policy premium of \$1 paid monthly for every member.

## Lake GI's Form AFL Union Post

GARY — Refreshments following Tuesday night's regular session of the Lake County Central Labor Union were served in honor of Steven Toth, who conducted his first meeting as president, and retiring president, Fred Schultz.

Entertainment committee included Harry Cole, chairman; William Lawbaugh, Mildred Scott, John Adinolph, Ray Cain and Bernard Walsh.

James Dugan, president of the Hammond Ironworkers, Local 395, announced the formation of a labor post for veterans.

"All vets in labor are asked to contact me or notify President Toth," said Dugan. "We want to establish a service office to help union veterans."

Dugan said the post will participate in all special events.

## 13 Evansville Auto Shippers Drivers Cited

EVANSVILLE — Thirteen drivers of the Evansville terminal of Automobile Shippers, Inc., all of whom are members of the Chauffeurs Teamsters and Helpers Local No. 215, received safe driving awards at a dinner in their honor at Hotel Vendome.

First honors went to Hugo Gelhausen, who received an award for five years and 418,000 miles of accident-free driving, won the district Auto Shippers "Roadster" in Louisville, Ky., last summer and placed sixth in the national contest held at Detroit, Mich.

Elmer Burkhart was honored for seven years and 565,000 miles of accident-free driving.

Others honored, years and miles driven, include: William Dickerson, seven, 580,000; Donald Schmidt, six, 487,200; Fred Weaver, five, 405,000; Hassell Lee Sims, four, 328,000; Grant Hollis, three, 243,370.

Marshall Sumner, one, 82,000; Angus Green, one, 78,500; Samuel Smothers, one, 79,790; Clifford Ardon, one, 77,170; Ambrose Gelhausen, one, 77,100, and Harold Laswell, one, 70,680.

Miles driven totaled 3,449,810.

Presentation of awards and certificates was made by Gilbert Gehlhausen, chairman of the commercial vehicles section of the Chamber of Commerce, Traffic Inspector Emil Strunk and Sergeant France of the Jasper State Police post.

## Former Trustee of No. 193 Dies

Officers and members of Teamsters Local 193, Indianapolis, are saddened to learn of the death of Brother Charles A. Steinhauer, a charter member and at one time Trustee of the Local Union.

Brother Steinhauer was 57 years of age, and for years drove a delivery truck for the F. R. Perkins Co.

Survivors include the widow, four daughters, a brother and five grandchildren.

## Banquet Milk Workers Strike vs \$30 Wages

Here is a hand bill that striking employees of the Banquet Ice Cream & Milk Co. are passing out at the gates of the Malleable Iron Works, J. D. Adams Roadgrading Machinery Co., the Washington and Oriental streets plant of Mallory Co. and other industrial plants to inform the workers that Banquet Milk is scab milk and should not be purchased.

### ATTENTION—PLEASE

Teamsters Local Union No. 188 is striking the Banquet Ice Cream and Milk Company.

We are trying to secure a Union contract covering wages, hours, and working conditions. The Banquet Company has refused to even discuss any of our problems.

Some of the Banquet Plant Employees are working for as low as \$30.00 per week. Do you think it possible to maintain a family on that wage?

We do not like this striking, and they will go back to work and be happy to do so, whenever Mr. Perry, of the Banquet Company notifies our Union that he is ready to negotiate a Union contract.

If your regular deliveryman is still servicing you, it is because he is selfish and unfair to those on strike.

After this Local Union negotiated the Polk Milk Company contract, the Banquet Milk Company gave the deliverymen a raise in pay, but Banquet plant employees are still trying to live on the same low wage.

You as a customer can help us by demanding your dairy products be delivered by a Union driver.

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## 12 Mayflower Drivers Cited

Twelve members of Teamsters Local 193 have been awarded certificates by the American Trucking Associations, Inc., for outstanding driving records.

The awards were made on certification by R. J. Magnus, safety director of the Aero Mayflower Transit Co., by which company the drivers are employed, and were for the month of February.

Those drivers cited were:

Noah G. Wethington and John A. Switzer, with seven years of safe driving each;

Forrest C. Kerkhoff, six years;

Leonard C. Freeman, five years;

Claude M. Brokaw, four years;

Robert G. Weger, Clifford C. Dennis and Hurshel L. Davis, two years;

Joseph Weitzell, Earl H. Carter, Frederick J. Larson and Wm. H. Combs, one year.

## Hess Negotiating With Kroger Co.

FORT WAYNE—Teamsters Local No. 414, headed by Pat Hess, is negotiating with the Kroger Grocery Co. in behalf of 150 drivers and warehousemen. Two previous meetings have failed to result in an agreement.

## 2 Pearson Drivers Cited For Safety

Pearson Furniture Co., Indianapolis, has given safety awards to J. F. Hall and Frank Chaney, for driving its trucks during the past 12 months without a chargeable accident.

Both drivers are members of Teamsters Local 193.

## Heard and Seen at 716

The Polar Ice and Fuel agreement has been signed, with an increase for drivers and hourly-paid employees.

We expect to complete the Broad Ripple Ice agreement in a few days.

This is to advise our members who are war veterans, honorably discharged with as much as 10 per cent disability, of a provision in the Indiana tax law which exempts taxes on his property up to \$2,000. Under present tax rates this could amount to a saving of \$85 or \$90 per year. To take advantage of this exemption for the current taxing period the veteran must file an affidavit with the county auditor of his home county before May 2, 1949.

We regret to announce the death of Brother Tom L. Robbins, employee of the Indianapolis Paint and Color Co., which occurred February 28, 1949.

Officers and members of this Local Union extend sympathies to Brother Ray Walker in the loss of his father; to Brother Orval Woods, in the death of his mother, and to Brother Matherly, in the loss of his mother.

The members who attended the General Meeting of February 25, seemed to enjoy the showing of the motion picture films. Brother Leo Yount did an excellent job of operating his projector.

All members are urged to patronize business firms which have contractual relations with Teamsters Unions. Spend your dollars helping to create good working conditions and good wages for your fellow unionists. When in doubt of any product or food, call your Local Union for advice.

Brother Dismukes, member of this Local Union and employee of the Polar Ice and Fuel Co., who died December 27, 1947, was not eligible for our new insurance benefit, which became effective January 1, 1948. Notice of his death having been received by the officers of Local 716, a check for \$100 has been given to his widow by Harry R. Hudson, secretary-treasurer.